

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 123 and 138-152 without prejudice to resubmission.

Please amend claims 122, 124-126, 133 and 136 as follows:

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122. (Amended) A method for preventing or remedying an infection in humans or animals comprising the step of administering a sugar cane-derived extract as an active ingredient to a human or animal, wherein said infection is selected from the group consisting of bacterial infections, viral infections and fungal infections.

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124. (Amended) The method according to claim 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is a fraction obtained by treating a raw material selected from the group consisting of sugar cane juice, a liquid extract from sugar cane, and sugar cane-derived molasses, using column chromatography with a fixed carrier.

125. (Amended) The method according to claim 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is a fraction obtained by passing the raw material selected from the group consisting of sugar cane juice, a liquid extract from sugar cane, and sugar cane-derived molasses, through a column packed with a synthetic adsorbent as the fixed carrier and eluting substances adsorbed on the synthetic adsorbent with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, methanol, ethanol or a mixture thereof.

126. (Amended) The method according to claim 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is a fraction which absorbs light of a wavelength of 420 nm out of fractions obtained by column chromatographic treatment utilizing differences in affinity for an ion exchange resin packed in a column as the fixed carrier.

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133. (Amended) The method according to claim 122, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is obtained by extracting bagasse with water, a hydrophilic solvent or a mixture thereof.